

## **AB 798**

### **Delta Levee Maintenance**

**By Assemblymember Wolk**

#### **Bill Summary**

AB 798 proposes a two-year time extension for the Dept. of Water Resources' Delta Levees Subventions Program.

#### **Background and Analysis**

Existing law establishes the Delta Levees Subventions program administered by Dept. of Water Resources. The program allows a local reclamation district to request reimbursement for costs incurred in the maintenance or improvement of project and non-project levees in the Delta. Under existing law, reimbursements would be made until July 1, 2006, in an amount not to exceed 75% of costs incurred in excess of \$1,000 per linear levee foot; any reimbursements made after July 1, 2006 would be at an amount not to exceed 50% of costs in excess of \$1,000 per foot.

This bill would declare the Legislature's intent to continue funding the Subventions program at reimbursement to local reclamation districts of 75% of costs incurred in excess of \$1,000 per linear levee foot until July 1, 2008; any reimbursements made after July 1, 2008 would be at an amount not to exceed 50% of costs in excess of \$1,000 per foot. In addition, the Dept. of Water Resources would be required to undertake an evaluation to identify those levees in the Delta that require financial assistance under the Subventions program. Upon identification of those levees, the Reclamation Board would be required to allocate any available Subventions program funds to benefit only those levees.

#### **Status as of May 10, 2006**

Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Wildlife

#### **Staff Comment:**

Recommend support consistent with DPC letter of support for subventions program sent to Governor Schwarzenegger on November 17, 2005.